

# PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH, ST. BENILDUS & ST. MARY'S

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th June 2019

## Gospel Reflection for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul :



### Carrying the Baton

Over the years the Catholic Church has laid itself bare to criticism. Sometimes this criticism is underserved, but sadly at other times it is. At certain times in history the Church has been guilty of making mistakes, and doubtless it will continue to make mistakes in the future because we are all human. There are those who complain that the Church is out of step with an increasingly secular world. There are even those who point to diminishing Mass attendances and predict that the Church is living on borrowed time. The bottom line however is drawn in today's gospel. Jesus turns to Peter and says, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." Whether Jesus' idea of 'Church' is our idea of 'Church' is debateable, but one thing is for sure, Jesus intended to leave behind a group of followers initially led by Peter, united in their belief of Jesus and God until the end of time.

Because Peter recognised that God was acting through Jesus, he was entrusted with the job of leading the rest of us. The Church today is a testimony to Peter's faith, it exists because Peter and others like him trusted and believed in God. It exists because Peter and people like Peter acted out their faith despite hostilities and persecution. Fortunately today's Christians don't get chucked to the lions any more, but we face different sorts of problems instead. Today we face lethargy, conflicting secular values, and the complexities of scientific debate. The Church cannot be silenced. Fearless Christians like Peter and Paul are still needed to carry the baton.

## MASS TIMES

### ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS

**Sunday:** Vigil 6.30pm,

**Sunday:** 10.00am & 12 pm

**Monday—Friday**

7.30am & 10.30am

(except Holy Days of Obligation)

**Holy Day of Obligation**

6.30pm Vigil and 11.00am

### CONFESSIONS

Confessions immediately following the 10.30am on Saturday and at the parish office by request

### St. Mary's, Ballygunner

**Sunday:** 7.00pm Vigil,

**Sunday:** 11.00am

**Holy Days of Obligation:**

7.00pm Vigil & 11.00am

## IF YOU WISH TO PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS :

14th in Ordinary Time

Is 66:10-14.

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20.

Gal 6:14-18.

Lk 10:1-12, 17-20.

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus**

**29th/30th June 2019**

**6th/7th July 2019**

6.30pm Saturday

M.M Declan Clancy  
Tim O'Connor

10.00am Sunday:

Michael Dowling

12 Noon Sunday:

Tom & Dearbhla Clarke

**St. Mary's, Ballygunner**

7.00pm

M.M Michael Barrett  
Anne Carroll  
Milo Tierney

Maureen & Michael Threadaway

11.00am Sunday

Molly Gough

Brendan Murray  
Gerard Stack

### Please pray for those who died recently



Ingrid Walsh  
Gus Counihan  
Karl Kirby

who died about a month ago

Michael Barrett

### And whose birthday or anniversary occurs

William Mortell, Anne Carroll,  
Jim & Paul Morrison, Hugh Green.

### FUTURE EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

We would like to inform you in advance of future events in the Parish:

30/06: Talk by Nursing home Visitation Team

Explanatory Presentations will be made at Masses.

Keep an eye on the Newsletter for further information.

### St. Mary's Rotas

Rotas for Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist are available in the Sacristy in St. Mary's.

### St. Otteran's Cemetery Committee

His Lordship, Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan will celebrate Mass on Wednesday 3rd July at 7.30p.m in St. Otteran's Cemetery. All are welcome.

### Ciste agus Subh: Parish Partnership Cake & Jam Sale

#### In aid of the Ishiara Sand Dam Project



On Sunday 7th July, a Cake & Jam Sale will be held in the Parish Hall after both the 10.00a.m and 12 Noon Mass.

All contributions of cakes and jams will be gratefully received, and may be handed in to the Parish Hall on

Saturday 6th between 4 - 6.30p.m.

The Sand Dam Project is part of our Parish Partnership with Ishiara, Kenya.

At the moment, 90% of people in Ishiara have no running water. The best way of providing water in a sustainable way is by means of sand dams. They are relatively low cost constructions that are then managed and maintained by the local community.

These dams will provide drinking water, the means to grow crops, cause a reduction in the number of mosquitoes ( thereby curtailing water-borne diseases), and will allow the growth of crops and vegetation.

Total cost of project: €25,000.

Amount raised to date: €10,000.



There will be a meeting of the **Liturgy Group** on Monday 1st July at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

### Rally for Life

**Saturday 6th July at 2p.m.**

**Parnell Square, Dublin.**

Bus with limited spaces available from Dungarvan and Waterford. For further Information please contact Vicky at 087 6716069 or [www.rallyforlife.net](http://www.rallyforlife.net)

*Last Sunday's  
Collection  
€2,482  
Thank you*



### Live Streaming of Masses

[www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford)

AND

[www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner](http://www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner)

Recordings of recent concerts are also available to watch on the St. Joseph's site.

### Recent Baptisms

We welcome all those who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.



### Irish Wheelchair Association's Coastal Camino 2019

Are you looking for your next big adventure?

If so, why not sign up for Irish Wheelchair Association's Coastal Camino Walk.

This exciting walk is suitable for people of all age groups and all levels of fitness, following a beautiful trail of 103km from the maritime city of Vigo to wonderful Santiago de Compostela next October.

All funds raised will go directly towards helping us to continue to deliver vital services to people with disabilities in your community.

Check out this link for more information: [www.iwa.ie/camino](http://www.iwa.ie/camino) or contact: Holly Johnson on 087 2159482 or by email on

[holly.johnson@iwa.ie](mailto:holly.johnson@iwa.ie)

### GDPR and Parish Records

What is GDPR? The General Data Protection

Regulation is European legislation governing personal data which came into effect on 25th May 2018.

The following are among the changes being

implemented in the parish :

- As a result of GDPR, no personal data held in parish records will be visible or accessible to the general public.
- All requests for issuing of certificates ( eg: Baptismal records, etc ), must be on an official application form and accompanied by photo I.D.
- Only Office Staff will have access to parish computers. All are now password controlled.
- Office doors will be closed to the public outside of normal office opening hours.

### Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education (Primary) with Online Delivery.

St Angela's College, Sligo is inviting applications for the following course beginning Autumn 2019:

### Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education (Primary) with Online Delivery.

The course is open to: Qualified primary school teachers; Qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching.

Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply.

Closing date for Applications is Monday 5th August 2019. For further information and application forms contact Mary Kearns at Education Department, St. Angela's College, Lough Gill, Sligo T. 353-71-9195551 E. [mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie](mailto:mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie) Website: